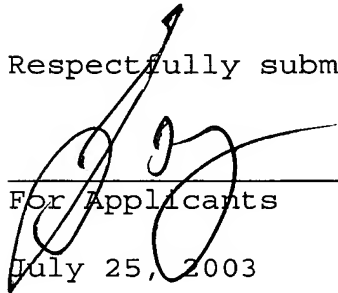


Remarks:

This preliminary amendment is filed to correct a typographical error, and to make certain stylistic changes.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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and/or the fiber ~~anti-protector~~ anti-kink protector 22' are metallized or they are formed of an electrically conductive material. --

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 1-8, as follows:

-- Provided on the connector housing 11' are ~~two~~ a plurality of contact springs 111', 112', which, when the optical connector is inserted into a socket of a mating coupling element, contact correspondingly metallized components of the mating coupling element or of a metallic or metallized housing or shielding plate of the mating coupling element. For example, the contact springs 111', 112' contact the metallic housing 7' of the exemplary embodiment of Fig. 4. --

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

-- An optical coupling system has at least one optical connector, provided with at least one optical fiber end, and a mating coupling element, in particular an optoelectronic transceiver. The transceiver has at least one socket for receiving the at least one optical connector, and a shield or electroconductive housing being electroconductively connectable to a metal structure. In one embodiment, the optical connector is at least partially provided with components that are formed of a material that ~~adsorbs~~ absorbs electromagnetic waves. In another embodiment, the optical connector is at least partially provided with components that are metallized or that are formed of an electroconductive material, as well as contacts via which the components that are metallized or formed of the electroconductive material can be connected to the shield of the electroconductive housing of the mating coupling element.

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